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# **PRELIMINARY DRAFT**

## **No. 3432**

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### **DIGEST**

**Citations Affected:** IC 21-44.

**Synopsis:** Attracting primary care physicians for shortage areas. Changes the mandate of the medical education board from attracting and retaining family practice physicians to attracting and retaining primary care physicians. Defines "primary care" to include family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and internal medicine. Requires the board to develop a plan to attract primary care physicians for areas in Indiana that do not have a sufficient number of primary care physicians. Changes the name of the "family practice residency fund" to the "primary care practice residency fund". Makes conforming changes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 21-44-1-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION  
2       285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3       1, 2009]: Sec. 8. "Fund" refers to the **family primary care** practice  
4       residency fund established by IC 21-44-5-18.

5       SECTION 2. IC 21-44-1-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
6       AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7       1, 2009]: **Sec. 14. For purposes of IC 21-44-5, "primary care**  
8       **physician" means a physician who practices in any of the following**  
9       **areas:**

10       (1) **Family practice.**

11       (2) **Pediatrics.**

12       (3) **Obstetrics and gynecology.**

13       (4) **Internal medicine.**

14       SECTION 3. IC 21-44-1-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
15       AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
16       1, 2009]: **Sec. 15. For purposes of IC 21-44-5, "shortage area"**  
17       **means a geographic area that does not have a sufficient number of**  
18       **primary care physicians to meet the medical needs of the residents**  
19       **of the area.**

20       SECTION 4. IC 21-44-5-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION  
21       285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
22       1, 2009]: Sec. 7. To retain and attract more **primary care** physicians  
23       **by for shortage areas in** the state, the Indiana University School of  
24       Medicine shall establish a plan for statewide medical education.

25       SECTION 5. IC 21-44-5-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION  
26       285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
27       1, 2009]: Sec. 8. The general assembly recommends that the plan do  
28       the following:

29       (1) Provide supplemental income for interns and residents based  
30       on the policies recommended by the board.

31       (2) Include a statewide communications network for television,



audio, and computer library service.

(3) Provide for the Indiana University School of Medicine to establish working relationships or community clinical teaching and training programs with the cooperation of the medical profession, hospitals, and clinics.

**(4) Develop alternatives for providing incentives, including student loan forgiveness and other monetary incentives, to retain primary care physicians practicing in Indiana and attract additional primary care physicians to Indiana.**

SECTION 6. IC 21-44-5-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 9. **For interns and residents in family practice**, the board shall choose the sites for its community clinical teaching and training programs. The board shall consider site candidates in:

- (1) Indianapolis;
- (2) Lafayette;
- (3) cities of Lake County;
- (4) Michigan City;
- (5) South Bend;
- (6) Fort Wayne;
- (7) Bluffton;
- (8) Marion;
- (9) Muncie;
- (10) Kokomo;
- (11) Richmond;
- (12) Terre Haute;
- (13) Vincennes;
- (14) Evansville;
- (15) Jeffersonville; and
- (16) other areas;

when adequate preparation and funds allow a program.

SECTION 7. IC 21-44-5-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 15. The intent of this chapter is to establish intern, residency, and graduate programs to assist in annually preparing, educating, and retaining more than one hundred (100) physicians for **family practice primary care** in Indiana. **Family practice Primary care** programs are necessary to teach the latest scientific care of common diseases to provide health care for the maximum number of citizens in Indiana.

SECTION 8. IC 21-44-5-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 16. In addition to the intern, residency, and graduate programs established under this chapter, the board shall provide financial support for the development, enlargement, and continuation of graduate training programs in **family practice**



1 **primary care** for physicians that prepare the physicians for ~~the~~  
2 ~~specialty of family~~ **primary care** practice.

3 SECTION 9. IC 21-44-5-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
4 SECTION 285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 17. Funding for ~~family~~ **primary**  
6 **care** practice residency programs must be used to provide  
7 supplemental support to eligible hospitals on behalf of the education of  
8 ~~family medicine~~ **primary care** residents in accordance with the  
9 policies recommended by the board.

10 SECTION 10. IC 21-44-5-18, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
11 SECTION 285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 18. Appropriations to the board  
13 from the general fund for the board's use in developing, enlarging, and  
14 continuing graduate training programs in ~~family~~ **primary care** practice  
15 must be placed in a separate fund to be called the "~~family~~ " **primary**  
16 **care** practice residency fund". Amounts in this fund do not revert to the  
17 general fund at the close of any fiscal year.

